

Open Hearts * Open Minds * Open Doors

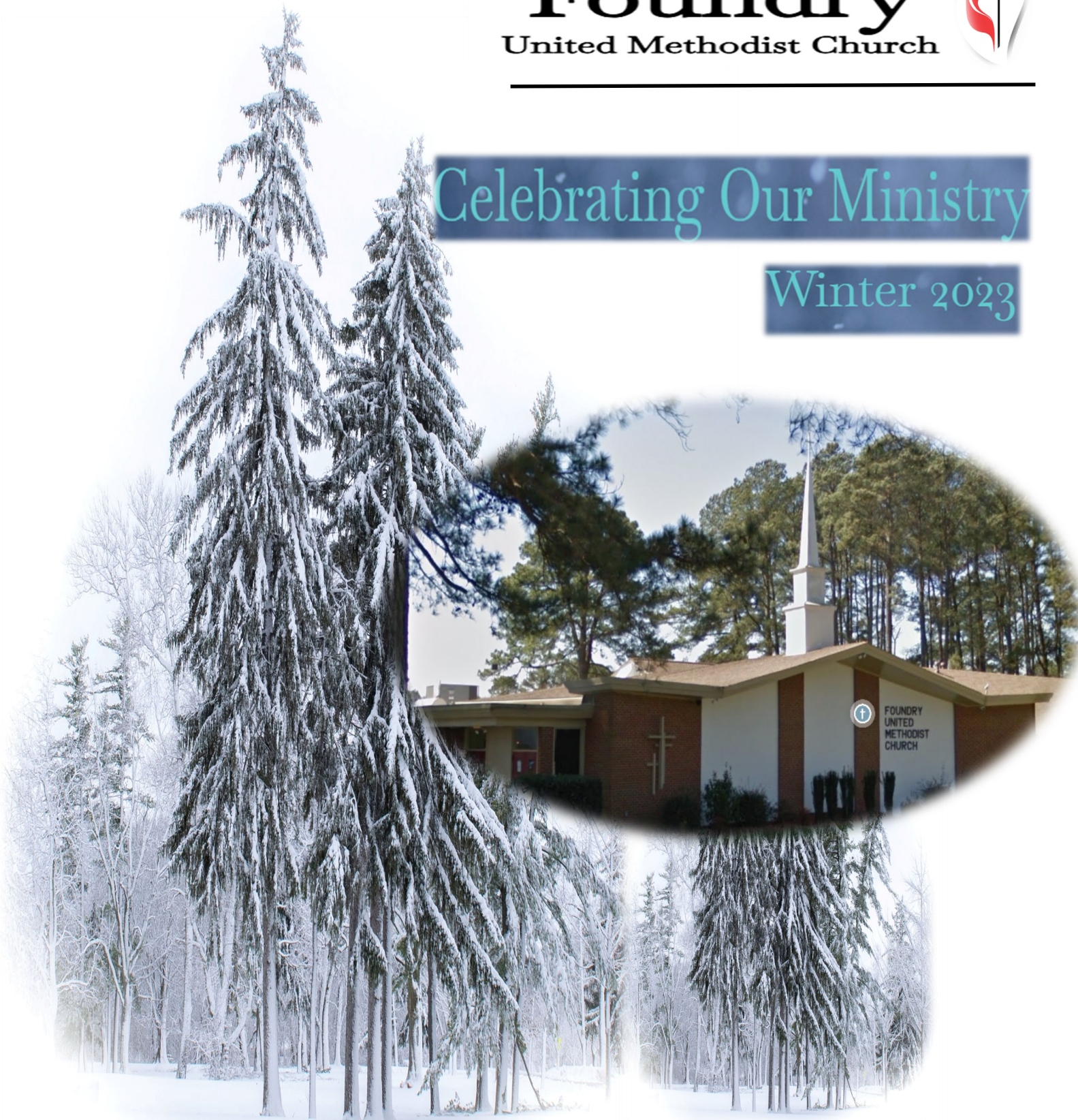
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United Methodist Church



Celebrating Our Ministry

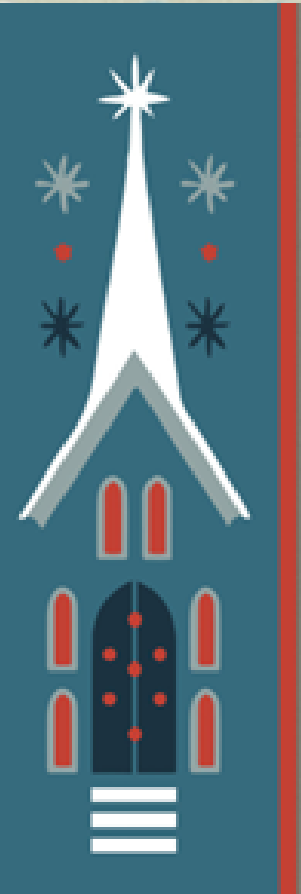
Winter 2023



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Hope for New Things

God Emmanuel (God-with Us)

We are thankful that God has been with us, guided us, and blessed us this year. We have focused on unceasing prayer, mission, and evangelism. I give God thanks for you: your passion, service, and sacrifices to revive the church and build the Kingdom of God on earth. Looking back to this year, we have experienced the power of God Emmanuel. We overcame our challenges such as the deficit of the general fund and the water leaking from the roof of the preschool wing with prayers, generous offerings, love, and unity.

We have served our neighbors who are less fortunate through our Food Pantry, JCOC dinners, Welcome Home Baskets, Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets, and Angel Tree gifts. Through our Apple and Christmas Tree sale, we have supported about 15 non-profit organizations. Six new members joined the church and our old member, the Clevenger family came back, and our church baby Ezra Norman was baptized. We have some children on Sundays. We sing praises and glorify God.

Recently I realized once again that the power to revitalize the church comes from God through our prayer and faithful service. We had a plan for children on Saturday, December 9: "Christmas cookie bake and decoration." Two days before the event, I knew that most of our children would not be able to come. Wondering who would come, I knelt on my knees and prayed. On the event day, God surprised us. We had seven children, two young people, and 15 adults. We were surrounded by the loving spirit of God Emmanuel. We were joyful and happy with children, families, and volunteers. I have learned that if we have a desire to revive the church, God hears our prayers and never disappoints us.

My beloved Foundry Family,

Let us pray unceasingly, serve faithfully, and give generously to shine Jesus' light through the dark corner of our local and global communities. In this holy season, may our Lord bless you and your family with hope, peace, joy, love, and healing. I wish you a very Merry Christmas surrounded by the gentle presence of Christ the Child!

Grace and Peace, Pastor JaeHaeng Choi



From Your Foundry Lay Leader

Foundry Family and Friends,

Wow, Thanksgiving is now behind us and Christmas is fast arriving. Two wonderful holidays, but especially Christmas, as we celebrate the gift and birth of our Lord and Savior – Jesus Christ. I look back over the past year and see both blessings and challenges, possibly heartache. But I’m reminded of Jesus’ words to his disciples near the end of his ministry and life on earth (in John 16:33). I hear Him say to me “in this world you will have trouble, but fear not, for I have overcome the world”. This gift and these words give me strength and encouragement as I look to serve Him and feel more blessed.

We have many wonderful ministries here at Foundry that bless people’s lives – both the volunteer and the recipient – Food Pantry, JCOC, Angel Tree, Holiday Baskets, Christmas Trees, Apple sales, Lynnhaven Elementary School, and other missions. But like most Christmas seasons, many of us will be asked, “What do you want for Christmas”. Frankly, I encourage you to think just as much (or maybe more) about what we can give to others or for others during this special time. I pray you have a new spirit of joy helping and serving others in some way.

As always, stay in prayer for our church, our church family and the various ministries we support. And have a wonderful Christmas holiday!

In Christ,

Watkins Bracey
757-408-9533 (cell)



A Message From Your Finance Chair

Foundry Family and Friends,

As I always say, first and foremost, a sincere thanks for your generosity and continued support of the ministries here at Foundry. As we approach the end of the year, I wanted to share some details about our current financial position. As with everyone, we have been blessed in certain ways and we have also experienced challenges. Below are some key financial items to know for 2023.

General Fund offerings and receipts through November were \$234,511, slightly above our expenditures.

Dedicated Fund offerings through November were \$34,634, with the largest donations to the Food Bank, UMCOR and Capital Improvements to our building.

Certain budgeted expenses have either not been necessary or been modified. Other normal, on-going operating expenses are being closely monitored.

Payments of \$11,792 were made to our local District and the Virginia Conference which are part of our connectional Methodist system.

More information will follow in early January.

Again, thank you for your support of our church, and remember, with prayer and commitment there are no limits to what God can accomplish through us.

I'm glad to answer any specific questions you may have. My contact info is below.

**Watkins Bracey
757-408-9533 (cell)**

2023 Tax Year Offerings

Please note that the final date to submit church offerings to be credited to your 2023 tax year statements is January 7th, but must be dated as of December 31, 2023

Thank You Foundry!

A Thank You Message from the UMW Chair

At our November Meeting, the UMW filled Christmas Tote Bags and Boots with Upper Rooms, Foundry's Brochure, Foundry pens-pencils, prayer bookmarks, candy canes and other various Foundry labeled goodies.

The tote bags will be given to those who buy Christmas trees and the Christmas Boots will be delivered to our Foundry shut-ins by Pastor JaeHaeng.

The totes and boots were hand made and given to the UMW by our very own, very talented , Helen Smith. Thank you Helen!



A Thank You Message from the UMM Chair

The UMM wish to thank all of the volunteers for their wonderful support in setting up the tree lot and assisting with the tree sales. Your generosity helped us raise over \$8,500 which will be distributed to worthy causes.

Thank You Foundry!



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Because of your generous donations, we were able to provide our 'adopted families' with a really nice Christmas.

We were able to get 98 gifts representing 40 people.

We were also able to give them a nice Christmas dinner- turkey or ham with all the fixings!



2023 Thanksgiving Basket Report

We helped 10 families this year. For a total of 40 people!

We had Thanksgiving Dinners donated from Rose &

Womble Realty. The congregation made donations to round out the baskets.

Each family received the following:

Thanksgiving Dinner: A turkey, 2 boxes of stuffing, 2 jars of gravy, 5 pounds of potatoes, 3 pounds of apples, 6 cans of vegetables, 1 can of cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, a frozen pie, a foil baking pan and two reusable grocery bags.

Additionally, we provided each family with:

Dish washing liquid, coffee, tea, cooking oil, flour, sugar and powdered milk.

The families were overjoyed with having these items to help with their holiday baking.

Celebrating Foundry's 2023 Ministry



Celebrating Foundry Family turning 90+ this year



Golda Norman's Baby Shower Hosted by UMW

Ezra Arrives!



Baptism of Ezra Norman



Celebrating Back to Church Sunday & Our 64 Years

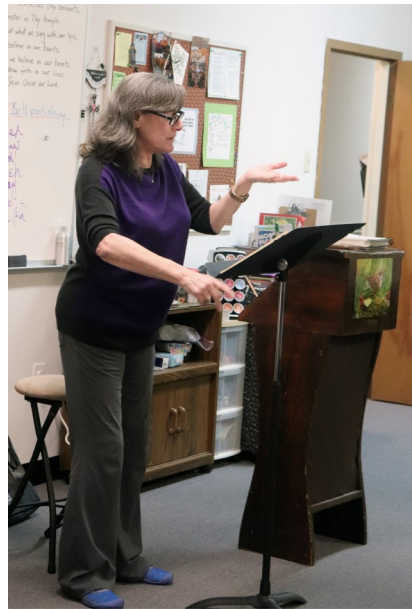


Bishop Sue's Visit

**New DS
Guest
Sermon**



Celebrating Foundry's 2023 Ministry



Celebrating Christmas Cantata 2023



Celebrating Foundry 2023 Ministry



UMW Annual Bake Sale



2023 Annual Apple Sale



Children's Christmas Cookie Extravaganza!



Children's Christmas Pageant



World Communion Day



Blessing the Backpacks

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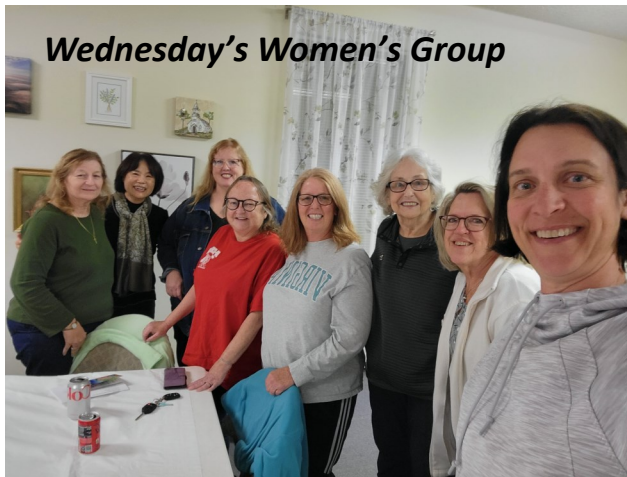
Food Pantry & Clothes Closet



Operations Blessing



Celebrating Foundry 2023 Ministry



Wednesday's Women's Group



Church Nursery



UMW



UMM



Our Trustees - Roof Repair



Our Blood Drive Volunteers

Special Thanks to Cameron Melander for her bountiful collection of Foundry's family and friends photos!

2024 Nomination and Leadership List
Foundry United Methodist Church

PASTOR	Rev. Dr. JaeHaeng Choi
LAY LEADER	Watkins Bracey
CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.....	Mary Leeds
FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON.....	Watkins Bracey
TRUSTEE CHAIRPERSON.....	Byron Work
STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS CHAIRPERSON	Nancy Norman
TREASURER	Gary Melander
SECRETARY OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL	Kate Mahrenholz
LAY MEMBER, ANNUAL CONFERENCE	Mary Leeds
ALTERNATE LAY MEMBER, ANNUAL CONFERENCE.....	Watkins Bracy
At-Large Member of the Church Council.....	Bill Crosby, Page Cockrell
President of UMM (elected by UMM)	Bill Crosby
President of UMW (elected by UMW)	Judy Michell
Recording Secretary to the Charge Conference	Nancy Norman

Chairpersons/Representative of Ministry Teams:

Worship..... Nancy Norman, Chair
Joan Jone (staff), Scott Strickland, Doug Hudson, Judy Mitchell, Helen Smith, Donna Athanasatos, Katie Mahrenholz

Mission Chris Work, Chair
Jean Walmsley, Jeannie Meissner, Byron Work, Watkins Bracey, Scott Mahrenholz, Terry & Carleen Huling, Beverley Hill, Art & Bobbie Oman, David Gillum, Helen Smith, Genny Lewis, Gary & Cameron Melander, Mary Leeds, Janet Moore

Hospitality..... Sandy Grover
Liaison: Mary Leeds, Judy Mitchell
Members: Terry Huling, Katie & Scott Mahrenholz

COMMITTEES:

Lay Leadership and Nominations Rev. Dr. JaeHaeng Choi, Chair

Class of 2025
Katie Mahrenholtz
Kate Gerbus

Class of 2026
Nancy Norman
Doug Hudson

Class of 2027
Mary Leeds
Carleen Huling

Lay Leader Watkins Bracey

Staff/Parish Relations Nancy Norman, Chair

Class of 2024
Kate Gerbus
Mary Leeds

Class of 2025
Nancy Norman
Scott Mahrenholz

Class of 2026
Doug Hudson
Gary Melander

Lay Leader Watkins Bracey
Lay Member of Annual Conference Mary Leeds

Trustees Byron Work, Chair

Class of 2024
Terry Huling
David Gillum

Class of 2025
Tom Brabrand
Bill Crosby
Mary Leeds

Class of 2026
Art Oman
Scott Mahrenholz
David Way

Finance Committee Watkins Bracey, Chair

Lay Annual Conf. Member.....	Mary Leeds
Church Council Chair	Mary Leeds
Staff/Parish Relations Chairperson.....	Nancy Norman
Trustee Chair.....	Byron Work
Lay Leader.....	Watkins Bracey
Treasurer	Gary Melander
Financial Secretary	Katherine Levi
Audit	TBN
At-Large Member: Bill Crosby, Page Cockrell	